



Indiana Department of Education

SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Indiana School Superintendents, K-8 Administrators & School Counselors

FROM: Amanda Culhan, Indiana School Counselor Consultant

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SUBJECT: *No Excuses University*: College Awareness at the Elementary & Middle Levels

“College readiness isn’t about every student attending college. It is the commitment that every student deserves the opportunity to make that choice. College readiness is providing all of the necessary education and support so students may go to college if they choose to do so.”

(Fran Hjalmarson, ASCA Article November, 2007)

“No Excuses University” includes a culture of universal achievement and exceptional systems to support learning that comprehensively promotes college readiness for every student, no matter what culture or socioeconomic background. No Excuses University was founded based on two principles:

- 1) Every child has the right to be prepared to attend college
- 2) It is the responsibility of adults in the school to develop exceptional systems that make that dream a reality.

To read more about No Excuses University, visit: <http://turnaroundschools.com/neu-network/>.

Webcast: A live, virtual No Excuses University presentation will be held May 12th (3-4:30 pm EDT). The first 90 people to register will be able to participate in this live, virtual event. Those who are not able to register will be able to view the archived webcast from May 13th – May 27th. If you have several potential participants in your corporation, you could register as one and view the webcast together. [Webcast Registration](#)

Summer Institute: The “On the Road to College” two day summer Institute is coming to Indianapolis July 13-14, 2011. Registration is available at: <https://turnaroundschools.com/institutes/upcoming-institutes/indianapolis-2011>.

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